

Subpart A—General

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§ 68.1 Purpose.

The purpose of the rules and regulations in this part is to provide for uniform standards for the protection of the telephone network from harms caused by the connection of terminal equipment and associated wiring thereto, and for the compatibility of hearing aids and telephones so as to ensure that persons with hearing aids have reasonable access to the telephone network.

(47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, 218, 220, 313, 403, 412, and 5 U.S.C. 553)

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§ 68.2 Scope.

(a) *General.* Except as provided for in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) of this section, the rules and regulations apply to direct connection:

(1) Of all terminal equipment to the public switched telephone network, for use in conjunction with all services other than party line service;

(2) Of all terminal equipment to channels furnished in connection with foreign exchange lines (customer-premises end), the station end of off-premises stations associated with PBX and Centrex services, trunk-to-station tie lines (trunk end only) and switched service network station lines (CCSA and EPSCS); and

(3) Of all PBX (or similar) systems to private line services for tie trunk type interfaces and off premises station lines. Services may only be added to this section as a result of rulemaking proceedings and equipment connected to such added services is afforded a reasonable transition period.

(4) Of all customer premises wiring associated with one and two-line (non-system) residential and business telephone service.

(5) Of all terminal equipment to subrate and 1.544 Mbps digital services.

(6) Of registered terminal equipment or registered protective circuitry to Local Area Data Channels and to channels which are similar to Local Area Data Channels that are obtained as special assemblies.

(7) Of all terminal equipment or systems to voiceband private line channels for 2-point and multipoint private line services (excluding those identified in Category II, AT&T Tariff F.C.C. No. 260 or subsequent revisions) that utilize loop start, ringdown or inband signaling; or voiceband metallic channels.

(8) Of the types of test equipment specified in § 68.3, Definitions.

(9) Of all terminal equipment to Public Switched Digital Service (PSDS) Type I, II or III.

(10) Of all terminal equipment to the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Access (BRA) or Primary Rate Access (PRA).

(b) *Grandfathered terminal equipment (other than PBX and key telephone systems) and protective circuitry.* All terminal equipment (other than PBX and key telephone systems) and protective circuitry of a type directly connected to the public switched telephone network and services identified in § 68.2(a)(2) as of October 17, 1977, may be connected thereafter up to July 1, 1979—and may remain connected for life—without registration unless subsequently modified.

(c) *Grandfathered systems (including, but not limited to, PBX and key telephone systems).* (1) Entire systems, including their equipment, premises wiring, and protective apparatus (if any) directly connected to the public switched telephone network and services identified in § 68.2(a)(2) on June 1, 1978, may remain connected to the public switched telephone network and services identified in § 68.2(a)(2) for life without registration, unless subsequently modified, except for modifications allowed under § 68.2(c)(3).

(2) New installations of equipments may be performed (including additions to existing systems) up to January 1, 1980, without registration of any equipments involved, provided that these equipments are of a type directly connected to the public switched telephone network or services identified in § 68.2(a)(2) as of June 1, 1978. These